

Social and Emotional Learning Standards and Toolkit

August 4, 2026

Welcome Message

- **Dr. Tony Sanders**, Illinois State Superintendent of Education

What to Expect

- **History** of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Standards in Illinois
- **New** SEL Standards
- SEL Standards **Webpage**
- SEL Standards **Toolkit**
- **SEL in the Field** – SEL Hub Directors

Moderators and Guests

- **Sarah Littrell** – Supervisor, ISBE Wellness and Student Care Department
- **Theresa Olsen** – Principal Consultant, ISBE Wellness and Student Care Department
- **Adam King** – Director of Healing-Centered Supports, Chicago Public Schools
- **Paula Kennedy** – Area 1 SEL Hub Director

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- **2003** – The Children's Mental Health Act requires ISBE to develop learning standards for social and emotional learning.
- **2004** – The Governor appoints Ruth Cross and Annette Johnson to co-lead the School Policy and Standards Committee.
- **2004** – The School Policy and Standards Committee convenes a group of educators across Illinois to collaborate with ISBE and the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) to write standards for Social and Emotional Learning in Illinois.
- **2005** – Illinois is the first state to adopt SEL standards for grades 1-12.
- **2018** – [Public Act 100-1139](#) creates the Emotional Intelligence and Social and Emotional Learning (EISEL) Task Force to research curriculum and assessment guidelines and best practices on emotional intelligence and social and emotional learning. The Task Force ultimately recommends an update to the 2005 SEL Standards.

SEL Standard Revision Process

- The [2024-2027 ISBE Strategic Plan](#) stated that by the end of FY 2026, ISBE, in partnership with external stakeholders, will update the Illinois Learning Standards for Social and Emotional Learning.
- The 2025-26 SEL Standards Revision Committee included representatives of 30 different groups, including CASEL, professional organizations, school districts, and policy and advocacy groups. During this process, the committee:
 - Reviewed research and best practices
 - Established guiding principles
 - Evaluated CASEL's five competencies to be used as the standards' framework
 - Drafted and revised goals, standards, indicators, and benchmarks
 - Gathered field feedback through two public webinars
 - Developed an SEL Standards Toolkit to support implementation in school districts

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- Director of Healing-Centered Supports
- Office of Social and Emotional Learning, Chicago Public Schools

The New Illinois SEL Standards

Errors in New SEL Indicators (Goal 2: Self-Management)

- Indicator 2B: ~~Demonstrate awareness of personal and collective identity encompassing strengths, areas for growth, aspirations, and cultural and linguistic assets.~~ **Demonstrate effective strategies to adapt, persevere and build resilience.**

- Indicator 2C: ~~Understand how external influences like culture, family, and community can deepen understanding of personal and academic goals.~~ **Apply problem solving skills and strategies related to achieving personal and academic goals.**

How to Access the New SEL Standards

- [SEL Standards webpage](#)
 - SEL Standards outline
 - SEL Standards chart
- Standards and Instruction
 - [Standards and Courses](#)
 - [Learning Compass](#)

SEL Resources

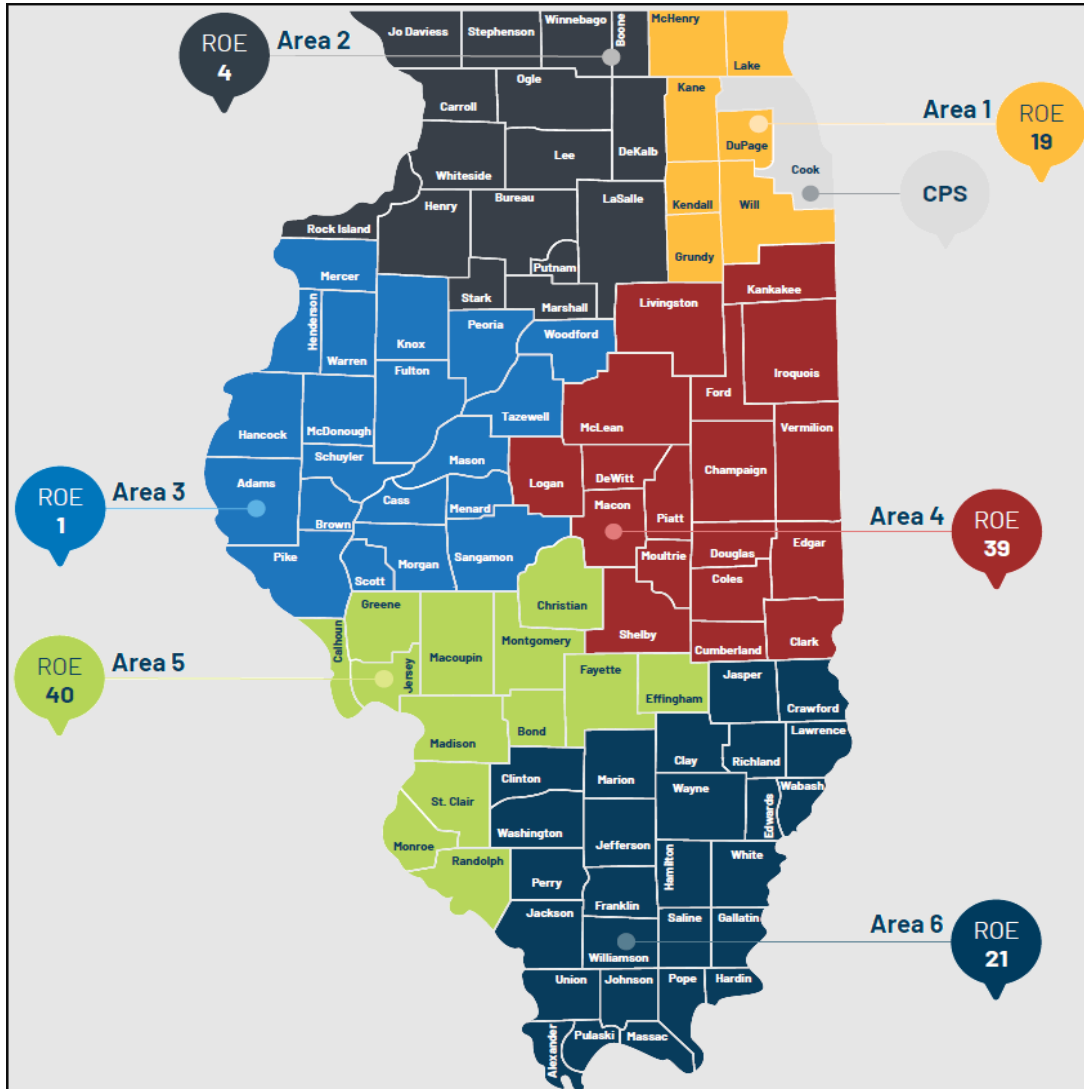
SEL Standards Toolkit

- Researched and evidence-based resources to support all areas of SEL:
 - Implementation
 - Practices and instruction
 - Adult learning
 - Social and emotional learning and equity
 - Outreach

SEL Standards Toolkit - navigation

- Navigation Options
 - Click on the resource name link and the link will open within the same tab
 - Right-click on the resource name link and you can choose to open the link in “new tab,” “new window,” or “split view” (using Google Chrome)
 - Send feedback regarding the toolkit to sel@isbe.net

SEL Hubs and Directors



- **Area 1 – [ROE 19](#)**
SEL Hub Director: [Paula Kennedy](#)
- **Area 2 – [ROE 4](#)**
SEL Hub Director: [Christine Schweitzer](#)
- **Area 3 – [ROE 1](#)**
SEL Hub Director: [Leslie Vigor](#)
- **Area 4 – [ROE 39](#)**
SEL Hub Director: [Holly Kelly](#)
- **Area 5 – [ROE 40](#)**
SEL Hub Director: [Ryan Wamser](#)
- **Area 6 – [ROE 21](#)**
SEL Hub Director: [Chrissy Wiggs](#)
- **[Chicago Public Schools \(CPS\)](#)**
SEL Hub Director: [Adam King](#)

Paula Kennedy

- Area 1 SEL Hub Director
- ROE 19 – [School Culture and Climate \(SEL\)](#)

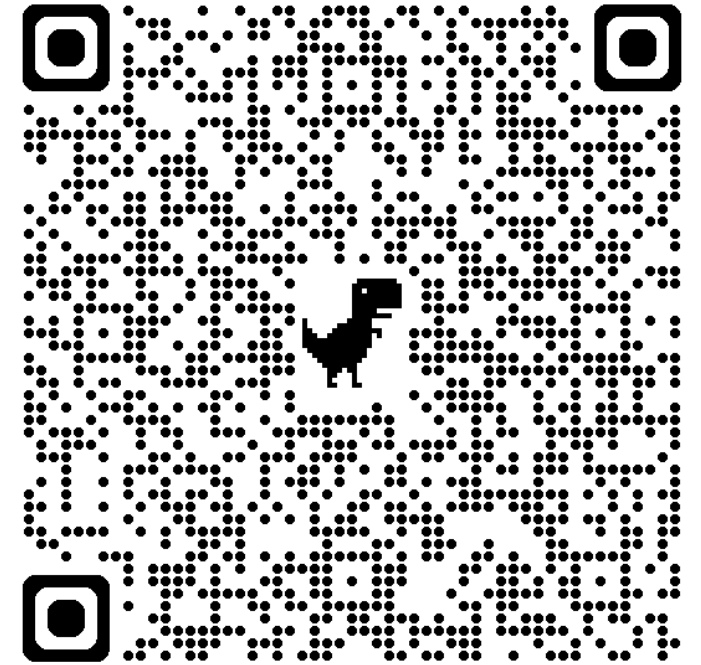
SEL Office Hours

SEL Office Hours will be held from 8-9 a.m.:

- August 7, 14, 21, 28
- September 4, 11, 18, 25

[Register for office hours here](#) or use the QR code to sign up for office hours reminders.

For additional office hours dates or other sessions, please visit the [ISBE SEL Standards Webpage](#).



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